Setting up of New Tourism and Travel Management Institutes

*59. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some new Tourism and Travel Management Institutes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Primarily because of resource constraints the policy is to encourage private sector involvement in tourism training.

ITDC Hotels and Motels in North-Eastern Region

*60. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ITDC Hotels and Motels in the North-East region;

(b) the details of such hotels constructed by Government in the States during the last three years; and

(c) the details of such hotels to be constructed during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the funds earmarked by Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA): (a) ITDC has set up two Joint Venture hotels at Guwahati and Itanagar in the North Eastern Region.

(b) No hotel was set up by ITDC in North-Eastern Region during the last three years.

(c) ITDC's Ninth Five Year Plan does not include any specific scheme/outlay for setting up new hotel in this region.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Notice to Ispat Urja Ltd.

311. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gave a show cause notice to Ispat Urja Ltd. for violation of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act;

(b) if so, details of the show cause notice and the reply given by the Ispat Urja Ltd.;

(c) whether Government had given some proposals to the concerned companies which require Parliament's approval; and

(d) the presednt status about the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) On 15-1-1997, a notice was issued by Ministry of Coal to the Central India Coal Company Ltd., Central India Power Company Ltd., and to Ispat Urja Limited, to show cause why the notification no. SO. 151(E), dated 27-3-1996 should not be withdrawn.

(b) Vide Gazette notification cited above, the Central Government specified as an end use the supply of coal from specified mines by the Central India Coal Company Ltd. on an exclusive basis to the Central India Power Company Ltd. for generation of Thermal Power subject to the condition that M/s Ispat Urja Ltd. would hold atleast 26% of voting equity share capital of Central India Coal Company Ltd. and Central India Power Company Ltd. This notification was issued on the requirement that Ispat Urja Limited would be a company registered

in India. In December 1996, the Central India Coal Company Ltd. informed the Ministry of Coal that Ispat Urja Ltd. is a company registered in Mauritius. The Show Cause notice pointed out that this action of M/s. Central India Coal Company Ltd. was in violation of the notification and consequently, the show cause notice was issued. In reply thereto M/s. Ispat Urja Ltd. pointed out that there would not be any violation of the notification and consequently there would be no cause of action.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) After careful examination, the Government issued a revised notification on 11-9-98, permitting M/s. IUL to be a company registered in Mauritius. Consequently, action on the show cause notice abated.

Decision to close down certain mines of ECL

312. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close down 64 mines in six identified areas of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL).

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) if not, the stand of Government nominee in the ECL Board meeting held on 22nd October, 1998?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a) of the question.

(c) ECL Board in which the Government of India is represented through its nominee Director has taken a decision to close 64 mines in six areas of ECL.

Appointment of International Mining Consultants in ECL

313. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICICI is in the process of appointing international mining Consultants to explore technical improvements to enhance productivity in ECL mines with difficult working conditions, categorised as Group 4 in its study report on ECL; and

(b) if so, the status of the same?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes, Sir. ICICI has been commissioned by Coal India Limited (CIL) to conduct this study. ICICI has in turn appointed M/s. Montan Consultancy, GMBH, Germany for the study.

(b) M/s. Montan Consultancy commenced the study and it is likely to be completed by the end of December, 1998.

Present status of ECL

314. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) still stands referred to BIFR under the SICA 1985;

(b) if so, the operating agency appointed by BIFR for revival of ECL; and

(c) if not, present status *vis-a-vis* BIFR.

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) ECL made a reference to the BIFR under Section 15 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision)